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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

ASSEMBLY BILL Nos. 431 & 1599 (1R) (ACS)
and

SENATE BILL No. 848 (2R)

(Authorizes the sale of State bonds for institutional
and community projects for clients served by the
Department of Human Services, including clients of the
Division of Developmental Disabilities)

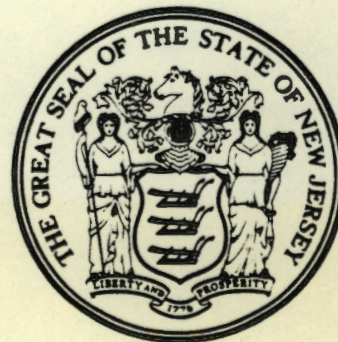
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LOCATION: State House
Room 319
Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: August 15, 1994
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE PRESENT:

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ALSO PRESENT:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Assembly Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 15, 1994 at 1:00 PM in Room 319, State House, Trenton, NJ.**

The purpose of this hearing is to take testimony, in accordance with Rule No. 140 of Rules of the General Assembly, on **Assembly Bill No. 431, Assembly Bill No. 1599 and Senate Bill No. 848**, which authorize the sale of State bonds for community residences for clients of the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The public may address comments and questions to Michael J. Basarab, Committee Aide and persons wishing to testify should contact Pat Scott, secretary, at (609) 984-6798. Those persons presenting written testimony should provide 20 copies to the committee on the day of the hearing.

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William Waldman
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Human Services

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**Assembly Appropriations Committee
Public Hearing
Assembly Bill No. 1599
Assembly Bill No. 431
Senate Bill No. 848
August 15, 1994**

**William Waldman, Commissioner
Department of Human Services**

Mr. Chairman. Distinguished members of the committee.

I'm very pleased to be here this afternoon to speak about the proposed 1994 Human Services Facilities Bond Issue.

As you know, I have spoken before the Legislature and across the state about the need for capital improvement to our State and community-based facilities and about creating community-based residential alternatives for people in need.

These capital improvements and initiatives help us:

- Maintain our current community infrastructure consisting of hundreds of group homes.
- Maintain our current substantial state operating institutional infrastructure.
- Meet the emergent needs of people who are waiting for community residential services, including people on the Division of Developmental Disabilities waiting list.

Mr. Chairman, you have asked if there is a way to maximize the use of State bond funds. The answer is a resounding "yes." We intend—through "smart government"—to leverage bond funds for maximum effect through investment strategies such as a "bond pool" and to facilitate the access of our provider agencies to the long-term low interest bond market.

We welcome this much needed capital funding and I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and all of the Committee members for your support for this important legislation.

As the legislation specifies, we will provide you with a Master Plan for how we intend to use these funds.

This Master Plan will be the result of an open public community process. As part of this open process we will encourage our community partners to join us in assessing needs, determining priorities, and making recommendations.

I want all to know that in response to specific questions raised at different times in this process, I have provided planning estimates and simulations of allocations and expenditures. This was done for illustrative and educational purposes only and does not, in any way, reflect any final decisions or determinations. Such decisions and determinations will be made using an open and inclusive public process. These decisions will be reflected in our community master plan which would need to be approved by the Legislature prior to the release of any bond funds.

I look forward to this open process and to working with you, Mr. Chairman, and the other members of the committee to ensure the best use of Bond Issue funds.

